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Serial No.: 08/747,910

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For : AUDIO REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/747,910 filed November 12, 1996, which is a division of Application Serial No. 07/600,818 filed October 20, 1990, now US Patent 5,640,548.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed including a copy of the special claims, signed Declaration and a copy of the drawings.

2. The prior application is assigned to Sony Corporation and the Assignment was recorded on at Reel Frame.

3. Priority of Application(s) No. (s) P278209/89 filed on October 25, 1989

respectively, in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119.

The certified copy in support of the claim of priority has been filed in the Prior Application Serial No. 08/747,910 and acknowledgment thereof is requested.

4. [] This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown below in parentheses apply.

b. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims Appearing in the Prior Application,
Less Any Claims Canceled By Amendment Below

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Fee
Basic Fee			\$710
Total claims.....	5 - 20 =	x \$18 (\$ 9)	
Independent claims...	<u>2 - 3 =</u>	x \$80 (\$40)	

Total Filing Fee.....\$ 710.00

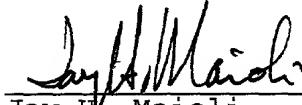
5. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

6. [x] A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed.

7. [x] Amend claim(s) 1

8. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a division of prior application Serial No. 08/747,910 filed November 12, 1996, which is a division of Application Serial No. 07/600,818 filed October 20, 1990, now US Patent 5,640,548.--

9. Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application identified above is considered as being a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Jay H. Maioli, Reg. No. 27,213, Cooper & Dunham, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.
 - a. The power appears in the prior application.
 - b. Address all future communications to: Jay H. Maioli, Cooper & Dunham, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.
11. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.


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I hereby certify that this Request for Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), including a Preliminary, and check in the amount of \$710.00 for filing fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, BOX Patent Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.



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